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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The municipalities are only to be consulted and their consent is not necessary for the transfer of employees from one municipality to another under section 7 (3) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920."

New bus-route from Kozhikode to Attappadi.

* 1305 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to sanction a new bus-route to Attappadi from Kozhikode or any other centre in South Malabar *via* Mannarghat;

(*b*) whether any representation has been received by the Regional Transport Authority, Malabar, or by the Government in this regard; and

(*c*) if so, what orders have been passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) There was a proposal to open a bus-route to Attappadi from Perintalmanna *via* Mannarghat.

" (*b*) Representations in this regard were received by the Regional Transport Authority, Malabar, from Janaki Bus Motors and Mannarghat Union Motor Service.

" (*c*) The proposal was dropped, as the road from Mannarghat to Attappadi is not now fit for bus traffic."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether it is a fact that the Regional Transport Authority insisted on granting a route from Mannarghat to Attappadi, a distance of 12 to 14 miles, and which is not a paying proposition to bus-owners; and if so, will the Government consider the desirability to make necessary improvements to the road and grant permission to ply buses from Perintalmanna or Kozhikode to Attappadi? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" At present the width of the road is 10 feet. The Divisional Engineer has reported that it is not possible to run a bus there. However, I am myself proceeding to Attappadi in the month of May. I myself will personally see whether I could make arrangements for widening the road. I will ask the Engineer and see what can be done."

Diet for the prisoners.

* 1306 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of rice portion of the diet of the prisoners of both ' B ' and ' C ' class in the jails; and